

people of Boston who have been
sending me addresses - Gladstone I
think change their tone if they
were themselves to face the condition
of society that Gladstone (if his measure
be carried) would create in London.
It would simply be handing over
the island to barbarism & probably
to civil war. The most conclusive
though not the most eloquent speech
in the H. of Commons says that
if Goschen's measure is carried
it is a night.

Tell any of your friends who care
to form a sound judgement to
read that in full.

My little S. American book is at
last approaching completion.

With our united kindest greetings
to all.

ever yours

John Bull

10 Southwell Gardens London S.W.
15th Sept 1887

My dear Gray

We have been (my wife & I)
much plagued with coughs -
throats, &c. but I hope that
a week spent at Tunbridge Wells
has set us right - One inconvenience
has been that until yesterday
I have not been able to get
to Kew for six weeks - I had
as much as I could do & have
not yet had time to go through
the parcels of Pringle's plants -
I get them poisoned at Kew before
they are sent home - I suppose
that Mr Pringle will let me know
the amount of my debt & so and

also his address - that I may
remitt the amount to him.

I hear also that I have -
a very nice set of plants from Gray's peak
after Kew Herb. has been satisfied
and I thank you in advance -
for the gift -

I hope to have a small
parcel of Chilean & Argentine
plants to send you later
this year -

I have a great lot of duplicates
of European & Mediterranean
plants which might be
acceptable to some of your
botanical friends, & which
I would gladly give in

token of sympathy to the N. Amer.
naturalists - but to speak plainly
I cannot afford the time to write
out proper labels - but if the
receiver would be satisfied with
labels in pencil - I will take the
trouble to copy them fairly I
shall put a parcel together &
offer - At the same
time I should make a separate
parcel of the rarer species which
might by chance be acceptable for
your herbarium and from which
you might choose without the
trouble of looking through the whole
lot.

I am, in common with most
thinking men here, deeply troubled
at the ~~present~~ ^{present} state of public
affairs in this country. The